

CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

1. An apparatus for providing educational materials, comprising:

a processing device for processing a request from an individual to receive educational material, wherein said educational material is at least one of video material, audio material, and video and audio material;

a memory device for storing said educational material;

a transmitter for transmitting said educational material to the individual in response to said request to receive said educational material, wherein said transmitter is controlled by said processing device; and

a receiver for receiving a transmission termination signal from the individual,

wherein said processing device terminates the transmission of said educational material in response to the

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termination signal, and further wherein said processing device at least one of identifies, records, and stores, a first location, wherein said first location is the location in said educational material where the transmission of said educational material is terminated, and further wherein a subsequent transmission of said educational material to the individual commences from a second location which is located before said first location in said educational material, and further wherein said subsequent transmission of said educational material includes a transmission of at least a portion of said educational material previously transmitted to the individual.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said education material is at least one of encoded, marked, digitally encoded, analog encoded, digitally marked, analog marked, time-marked, time-stamped, and frame numbered, and further wherein said processing device processes said first location in conjunction with an amount of educational material review to generate said second location.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a transmitter for transmitting information regarding at least one of said first location, said measure of

review, and said second location, to the individual.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said memory device is linked to one of a computer system, a database, a data source, and an educational information source, located external from said apparatus.

5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said transmitter transmits one of an announcement, an update, and information, to the individual, wherein said one of an announcement, an update, and information, contains at least one of educational material, administrative material, testing material, registration material, scheduling material, course material, and program material.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said transmitter transmits educational material containing at least two of multimedia information, audio information, video information, graphical information, text information, and a live broadcast, simultaneously.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said processing device computes said second location one of during a current educational session and prior to a subsequent educational

11. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a remote user device for receiving said educational material at a location remote from said processing device.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein at least one of said apparatus and said remote user device further comprise:

a video recording device for facilitating video conferencing between users of the apparatus.

13. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

an input device for entering information concerning an update in the individual's one of status and progression related to said one of a course and a program of study,

wherein said processing device processes said information and stored said information in said memory device.

14. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said

processing device generates a notification signal containing information regarding at least one a course, a lecture, a program, and an information update regarding same, and further wherein said transmitter transmits said notification signal to one of the individual, a communication device associated with the individual, and a remote user device associated with the individual.

15. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said processing device processes a financial transaction involving said educational material.

16. A method for providing educational materials in a network environment, comprising:

storing educational material;

processing a request from an individual to receive said educational material, wherein said educational material is at least one of video material, audio material, and video and audio material;

transmitting said educational material to the individual in response to said request to receive said

educational material;

receiving a transmission termination signal from the individual;

processing said transmission termination signal;

terminating the transmission of said educational material;

at least one of identifying, recording, and storing, a first location, wherein said first location is the location in said educational material where the transmission of said educational material is terminated,

wherein a subsequent transmission of said educational material to the individual commences from a second location which is located before said first location in said educational material, and further wherein said subsequent transmission of said educational material includes a transmission of at least a portion of said educational material previously transmitted to the individual.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein said

wherein said receiver receives a transmission termination signal from the individual, and wherein said processor processes said transmission termination signal and terminates the transmission of said educational material, and further wherein said processor at least one of identifies and stores a first location in said educational material where said transmission is terminated, wherein a subsequent transmission of said educational material commences from a second location, wherein said second location is a location in said educational material which is located before said first location and includes an amount of educational material review during said subsequent transmission.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said processing device processes said first location in conjunction with an amount of educational material review to one of determine, compute, and generate said second location one of subsequent to the termination of a transmission of said educational material and prior to a subsequent transmission of said educational materials to the individual.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising:

means for determining whether an individual has progressed through one of said educational material a segment of said educational material and portion of said educational material;

means for determining whether the individual has submitted assignments related to said educational material;

means for determining whether the individual has one of taken required examinations and satisfied formal requirements related to said educational material;

means for generating a first signal indicative of one of the individual's successful completion of said educational material and the individual's failure to successfully complete said educational material; and

means for transmitting said first signal to one of the individual, an administrator, an instructor, and a third party.

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